

I would just like to share my experience with Comcast Cable Broadband services. In the past year, my monthly rates have risen dramatically, in fact rising over 30%, because I chose not use and pay for cable television service in addition to the broadband internet service I currently subscribe to. This is a new Comcast Cable corporate policy that I feel is a predatory pricing scheme that forces consumers to pay a premium for the same level of broadband service without any added services. I also feel that since Comcast has no direct competition in the delivery of high speed internet over the local cable lines, this allows them to set arbitrarily high subscription rates with no market pricing pressure. When will cable internet service be treated like the phone lines? Are they not both means to deliver information, and if so then why are the cable companies not forced to share their networks as well? I would like to see a uniformity in the ways telecom providers are regulated. For example, I don't think we would see a phone company increase subscriber rates if a subscriber chose not to sign up for caller-id. We as consumers should only pay for what we consume. Thank you.